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Honoring the 'mayor of 17th Ave.'



Photo: George Sing Jr.

Members of the Richmond District came together in June to honor Sharky Yukawa (center), the "mayor of 17th Avenue." Sharky's party was held at the California Grind Cafe, where photographer Lisa Stender debuted a photographic display featuring Yukawa. The 84-year-old Sharky often sits outside of his home, which he has lived in for 55 years, and talks with passerbys while keeping an eye on the neighborhood.

Antennae concerns dismissed, site at 10th Ave. and Geary OK'd

by Peter Sciacca

A plan by AT&T to install cellular phone antennae at 378 10th Ave. won approval by the SF Planning Commission despite opposition from neighborhood groups, including a petition signed by 2,500 Richmond District residents.

The 5-1 vote in late July came 15 months after the communication provider submitted the plan to the commission.

"We originally wanted 12 antennae at the site but decided to go with six in the draft that passed," said Bill Stevens, an independent zoning and planning contractor who assisted AT&T with the plan.

"One of the conditions we agreed on to gain approval was to remove another (cellular antennae) site about two blocks away from where the new one will be."

The four-foot antennae will not be visible from the street or nearby residences.

"They are completely screened from view as the Planning Commission requested," Stevens said.

One of the groups that opposed the plan is the San Francisco Neighborhood Antenna-Free Union (SNAFU), which has fought the placement of antennae throughout the City.

Doug Loranger, the group's founder, said companies that install antennae must make environmental and health issues a greater priority.

"Biophysicists believe the microwave radiation emitted from cellular antennae may cause sleep disorders, weaken immune systems and lead to long-term effects, such as various forms of cancer," he said. "This may be true even with lower levels of radiation. Caution should be used when planning such sites."

Stevens dismissed the charges.

"I don't believe any of those problems are caused by wireless antennae," he said. "I am just as concerned about health as anyone else."

In a video produced by SNAFU, the group says communication companies do not give neighborhoods proper notification when they want to install more antennae.

"There have been problems

Park garage EIR gets thumbs up

City may ask voters for more money to improve Concourse

by Carol Dimmick

Sweeping aside concerns over the demolition of an historic Beaux Arts-style tunnel in July, the SF Planning Commission certified an environmental report on a controversial plan to build an 800-space parking garage underneath the music concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Proponents of the project say the decision was crucial to keep the project on track for completion

in time for the opening of the new M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in 2005, which is being rebuilt following damage caused by the Loma Prieta Earthquake.

"The planning commission's decision was critical. This enables us to continue along the path to completion of the project," said Mike Ellzey, executive director of the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority (GGPCA), the sponsor of the project.

But the 6-1 vote was a major setback for opponents of the \$50 million parking garage, who made preservation of three 100-year-old pedestrian tunnels that lead to the music concourse a focal point of their opposition. They argued before the commission that sacrificing the tunnels for a parking garage was not in the long-term interest of the public.

"The issue facing us today is what are we going to leave for

our children. You are removing 100-year-old tunnels for a parking garage," said Chris Duderstadt, a member of the Alliance for Golden Gate Park, an organization formed to fight the garage.

Duderstadt argued that the southwest tunnel, the only one of the three that would be torn down to build the garage, is an integral element in the configuration of the music concourse and should be preserved not only for its historic value but because it connects everything south with the concourse bowl.

Under the current plan the tunnel would be torn down, made ADA compliant and rebuilt in an attempt to replicate its look, but with glass doors that open into the underground garage.

But Ellzey countered that he was just carrying out what the voters mandated when they voted for Proposition J in 1998, which approved building a parking facility and authorized other improvements in Golden Gate Park.

At the time the garage was touted by supporters as a necessary component to attract visitors to the California Academy

Planning Department proposal met with skepticism at PAR meeting

by Paul Kozakiewicz

A team of planners from the SF Planning Department met with members of the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) in July to explain proposed revisions to the city's Residential Design Guidelines.

The group's members met the proposal with skepticism.

The planning department is updating its residential design guidelines to clarify them for developers and neighborhood residents in an effort to cut down on the department's \$400,000 ex-

pense for participating in Discretionary Review proceedings brought before the SF Planning Commission for arbitration. If the rules for development were more clearly spelled out, the reasoning goes, there would be less opportunity for neighborhood disputes.

The department wants to update the city's 1989 guidelines by better spelling out guidelines for site design, including entrances, landscaping, light and air, privacy and views, architectural features, including bay windows and garages, and rooftop fea-

tures, including penthouses, parapets and windscreens. Allowable architectural features would be determined by surveying the areas near the project site. Helping make the case for the Planning Department were Senior Planner Max Putra-Tan and Kaye Simonson, the planner responsible for the northwest quadrant.

But many of the 50 people who attended the meeting raised concerns about the adequacy of the guidelines, given the plan-

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Geary Blvd. antennae get OK

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with firms not distributing bilingual materials or putting up proper notices about community meetings, even though they are required to meet with the community," said Enid Lim, a San Francisco community activist who appears in the video. "As a result of poor notification, not too many people know about or attend these meetings."

Stevens said AT&T informed the neighborhood in advance about two community meetings it held.

"We also made our plans completely clear at those meetings," he said.

The video also charges that

installing more antennae does not improve reception or service range. It says the only motivation for adding antennae is to increase company profits.

"There are already several antennae sites in the Richmond District and more than 2,300 in all of San Francisco," Loranger said. "These companies are not explaining why more antennae need to be put up. We want them to be held accountable."

Stevens disputed SNAFU's claim that adding antennae does not improve service.

"AT&T would not be spending thousand of dollars on new technologies and expanding its operations if there wasn't a need," he said.

Stevens is pleased by the ruling, but not surprised.

"It is consistent with all of the Wireless Telecommunications Systems' guidelines," he said. "As required, we chose a building that is already in use for public service. There is already a telephone switching facility at the site."

"We also did everything the City asked of us."

Among the intersections where cellular antennae are operating in the Richmond District are 31st Avenue and Clement Street, Seventh Avenue and Geary Boulevard and Funston Avenue and California Street.

Underground garage EIR gets OK

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of Sciences and the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum.

If the project is approved in its current form, the two tunnels at the eastern end of the music concourse will undergo alterations and the 130-foot-long southwest tunnel that connects the park's music concourse with the Shakespeare Garden will be torn down and replaced.

In making its decision to certify the environmental report, commissioners also dismissed concerns that the possible removal of a dozen 100-year-old sycamore trees from the Music Concourse and the traffic impact on neighborhoods adjacent to the park were adequately studied.

Despite the bad blood that has built up over the project during the last three years between supporters and opponents of the garage, Ellzey credits opponents

with improving the design of the eastern end of the project that saved two of the historic tunnels. He also said that input from the North Park Neighbors Association led to an improved entrance to the parking garage at 10th Avenue and Fulton Street.

Public input has made this a better project, he acknowledged.

City Considers Floating New Bond to Pay for Music Concourse Improvements

San Francisco Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who recently introduced legislation for the project, called stakeholders to his office in late July to work on a number of outstanding issues that still linger.

He wants the various stakeholders to come to an agreement before the legislative process starts, explained David Owen, an aide to Peskin.

Owen said that bicyclists,

neighbors, officials from several city departments and the sponsors of the project were among the participants.

According to Ellzey, who met with Peskin, the two main issues that remain unresolved are a traffic circulation plan for the concourse and a source of funding for long-term unfunded mandates in Prop. J that include a bicycle plan, a traffic calming plan and a shuttle service.

The biggest challenge is the extent to which vehicular traffic has access to the concourse bowl, Ellzey explained. He described it as a balancing act between cars, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Ellzey said he recently hired a grant writer to apply for funding, but he acknowledge that discussions are underway to explore the possibility of asking voters to approve a new capital improvement bond to pay for improvements to the concourse.

Although Ellzey said he was unable to put a price tag on improvements at this time, he said that a guess would be in the seven to eight figure range.

Critics of the project were quick to dismiss the idea of asking voters to come up with money to pay for part of a project that was supposed to be developed with private donations. They say that revenue generated from the garage should be earmarked to pay for the improvements and not to pay back the debt on the garage.

That violates the intention of Prop. J, which is very specific about what the revenue from the garage should be used for, Duderstadt said.

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I am proud to report that the SF Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 to place on the November ballot the "Clean Streets, Clean Government" proposal I introduced in May. Voters will now have the opportunity to decide whether they want to improve critical oversight of many local programs, with emphasis on streets, parks and government ethics.

This charter amendment would add the duties of a city services auditor to the controller, who will audit the level and effectiveness of services provided by city government to the public.

This proposal culminates a two-year effort by my office to increase regular audits of city programs to ensure that they are delivering the most bang for the buck. I have attempted repeatedly to increase auditing through regular board processes.

Unfortunately, the stark reality has been that in the annual competition for budget dollars, audits of departmental programs lose out to funding of direct services. The result has been that city officials rarely get the information we need to measure whether such programs are effective and efficient.

Fortunately, this year my colleagues supported putting this measure before the voters, providing the City an opportunity to provide regular audits of the many city programs that are funded annually.

To ensure funding for audits, this proposal would set aside a small portion (.2 percent) of the City's overall budget for a Controller's Audit Fund, to be used exclusively to implement the proposal. Such guaranteed funding would lessen the problem of political pressures being brought to bear that could prevent audits or blunt politically embarrassing audit findings



Clean streets, clean government on November ballot

Supervisor Jake McGoldrick

about key city departments.

The controller would be further charged with developing performance and cost benchmarks for all city departments and with conducting comparisons of the cost and performance of San Francisco city government with other cities, counties and public agencies.

The controller also would review whether and how city departments prepare customer service plans required under the Charter but seldom submitted currently.

This proposal also is another step in the ongoing efforts by my office to ensure that District 1 and the rest of the City are clean and well maintained.

Last year, I secured funding for a Green Machine for cleaning the Clement Street commercial corridor in response to constituent concerns about this area. I also worked very hard this year to preserve in the DPW budget the positions of environmental control officers, who are responsible for investigating and enforcing laws preventing dumping and littering in our neighborhoods. These efforts have helped make the Richmond cleaner, but this charter amendment will help even more.

Under this proposal, the controller would conduct an annual review of the city's street, sidewalk and park maintenance and cleaning operations. All city agencies with such operations would have to establish regular schedules for streets, sidewalks, parks and facilities and provide the public with information on how they are meeting those schedules. In this way, citizens

will be able to see, for example, the SF Department of Public Works schedule for street cleaning on Geary and find out whether the department is actually meeting that

schedule. This will also enable the controller to measure whether the department is actually meeting the goals it sets under such work plans.

Another part of the proposal continues efforts by my office to ensure clean government. Under these provisions, the controller would oversee the city's contracting procedures, developing model criteria and terms for requests for proposals (RFPs), auditing compliance with city contracting rules and procedures and investigating cases of alleged abuse or conflict of interest.

Moreover, the controller would investigate citizen complaints concerning the quality and delivery of government services, wasteful and inefficient city government practices, misuse of city government funds and improper activities by city government officers and employees.

The controller also would maintain and publicize a whistleblower and citizen complaint hotline telephone number and website.

I hope you will review this proposal carefully. After doing so, I am confident you will come to support it as an important improvement in making the City effective, efficient and responsive to residents. I look forward to your support of this measure next November. If you would like a copy of this proposal, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (415) 554-7410 or at jake.mcgoldrick@sfgov.org.

Jake McGoldrick is a San Francisco supervisor representing District 1.

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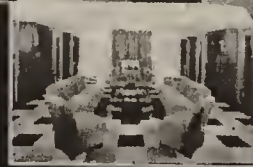
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The July 15 Community/Police Forum was held at the Richmond Station and the topic was neighborhood nuisances. We had Donna Salazar from Community Boards of San Francisco (920-3820) as a guest speaker.

Community Boards, the first mediation service of its kind, is a free conflict resolution service. Since its inception in 1976, Community Boards has continued to offer fair and impartial mediation services for San Franciscans who are having difficulty resolving a conflict with neighbors, tenants, business owners, etc.

If you have a frustrating situation that is more of a civil matter and does not involve criminal activity, Community Boards is an option you may want to explore.

On July 21, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a 74-year-old woman with Alzheimer's walked away

from a vehicle while her husband was getting a prescription filled at Kaiser's French Campus on Geary Boulevard at Sixth Avenue.

The members of Richmond Station performed an extensive search and followed all department protocols for "at risk" missing persons. The following day, however, when the woman still had not been located, the service of the California Rescue Dog Association (CAR-DA), out of Santa Clara, were employed to track the woman's scent.

A sample of clothing was presented to the two dogs. I, along with other members of Richmond Station, walked with the dogs to Golden Gate Park. The search was aborted when a woman matching our missing-

Police Beat

Capt. Sandra Tong



person's description was reported in the Park District by a concerned citizen who saw her in the area for several hours. The woman turned out to be our missing person. She was in good health and good spirits.

Several weeks ago, we had a similar scenario when a young man drove his grandmother with him to a corner store. He left his grandmother in the car waiting while he went inside and when he returned to his car moments later, his grandmother was gone.

She also suffered from Alzheimer's. An extensive search was initiated immediately and the woman was located within a few hours.

Fortunately, for the parties involved these stories have happy endings. The situations, though, are very serious and create an enormous amount of stress for the families of missing persons. People suffering from Alzheimer's do not know how to ask for help. Often, they will wander for hours until someone reports them to police for a well-being check. People with Alzheimer's experience varying levels of forgetfulness or dementia and they are usually unable to provide police with their name and address.

For these reasons, I want to offer a little advice for readers who may have an elder family member suffering with Alzheimer's or other memory loss conditions.

- Do not leave them unattended even for a few minutes. As you can see from the scenarios described above, it takes very little time for someone to wander out of sight;
- Report missing persons to

the police immediately – by reporting them as soon as possible, we can exponentially improve our chances of locating them;

- Use an indelible marker to

write their name on the inside label of their outer garments;

- Keep a current photograph handy to give to the police. You can have the photo returned when the missing person has been located.

Hopefully, by employing some of the strategies listed above, we can minimize the incidents of high-risk, missing persons.

Finally, if you happen to see someone who seems lost, confused or appears to be waiting for long periods of time, do not hesitate to call police for a well-

being check.

Do not forget to mark your calendars for Tuesday, Aug. 5 when the community and police come together for National Night Out. This year's event will be at the mini-park, located on Seventh Avenue between Geary Boulevard and Anza Street, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join me and other members of the Richmond Station for a barbeque as we celebrate National Night Out's 20th anniversary.

The August Community/Police Forum will be held at the Richmond Station's Community Room on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. At the request of the participants from last month's meeting, I am arranging for a guest speaker from the SF Department of Public Works to discuss the services it offers. See you there.

Capt. Sandra Tong is the commanding officer at the Richmond Police Station.

POLICE BLOTTER

Bank Robbery, with Force: July 24, 11 a.m., 3700 Block of Balboa Street

A man wearing a surgical mask walked into a bank and approached one of the bank's tellers.

"Give me all your f_____ing money," the robber said.

The teller, fearing for her safety, put about \$1,500 on the counter. The suspect grabbed the money and walked up to another teller and also demanded money. The second teller gave the suspect about \$3,500.

The suspect grabbed the money, and a \$1,000 check a previous customer had deposited, and ran southbound on 37th Avenue. Police and FBI inspectors were called to the scene.

Defrauding Providers of Food, Fuel, Services or Accommodations: July 6, 10:42 p.m., 3300 Block of Geary Boulevard

A waitress working at a restaurant approached a police officer in full uniform while he was eating and asked him to watch two suspicious customers. A busboy overheard the men say they had no money to pay for their meals. As well, both men went to the bathroom together in an apparent attempt to escape out a back door.

The police officer approached the men, who had red, bloodshot eyes and appeared to be alcohol impaired, and asked them if everything was all right. One man said he had lost his wallet and the other man said he had a wallet, but no money.

At the request of the restaurant's manager, the two 34-year-old men were transported to Richmond Station and booked. The suspects' bill for two meat-loaf dinners was \$19.43.

Indecent Exposure: July 9, 7:15 a.m., 3200 Block of Washington Street

A woman was walking her dog when a man, between the ages of 30 and 40 years old, exposed his genitals. The woman screamed and the suspect fled. The victim then called the police.

Discharging Firearm in City Limits: July 16, 8:30 a.m., 200 Block of 20th Avenue

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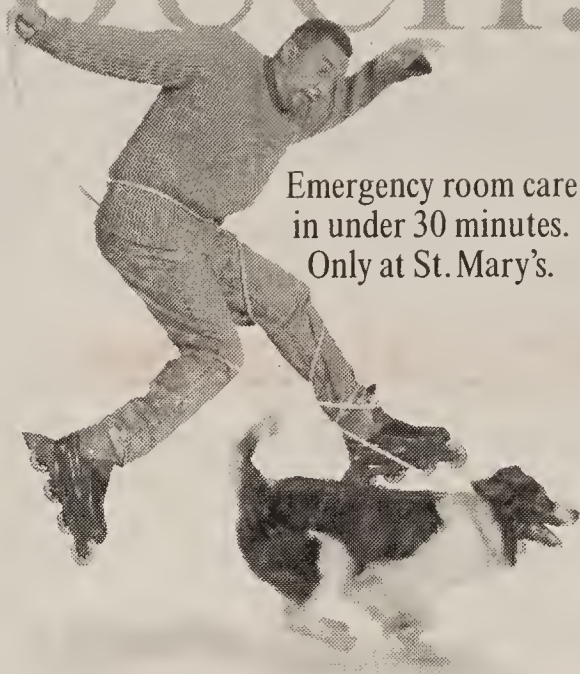
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State Sen. Jackie Speier will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Additionally, several long-time merchants, including Michael Newell, Daniel and Richard O'Hara and Nikkie Hoogasian, will be commended for their community service.

The event will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 in advance (Aug. 14 deadline) or \$45 at the door. For more information, call Heller at 387-1477.

Richmond District Community Technology Center Gets Grant

With a grant of \$5,000 to the Richmond District Neighborhood Center (RDNC), SBC Communications is helping to launch a new year of expanded operation for the Richmond District Community Technology Center (CTC).

The CTC is operated by the Richmond District Neighborhood Center's Richmond Village Beacon Center during after-school hours. It is housed at

George Washington High School.

"SBC Communications' generous grant represents a commitment from business to sustain and support community-based efforts to bridge the digital divide in our culturally diverse Richmond District," said Pat Kaussen, RDNC executive director.

The Richmond Village Beacon Community Technology Center (RVB-CTC) is the setting for the acclaimed Media Arts Academy, which was a write-in candidate for this year's Webby Awards in the youth website category. (The Webbys are considered the Oscars of the Internet world.)

RVB-CTC also provides an up-to-date computer classroom to Washington High School, an open computer lab for after school youth and a classroom for adult evening computer classes sponsored by the Beacon Center.

"SBC's grant means we'll be able to increase youth enrollment in the Media Arts Academy, expand the forum for youth voice and youth-created expression and increase hours for an open lab to the community when school re-opens at the end of August," said Mwapagha Mkonu, program director at the Richmond Village Beacon Community Technology Center.

For more information about RVB-CTC, call 750-8554.

Free Shakespeare in the Park Kicks Off at the End of August

This summer, San Francisco Federal Credit Union will sponsor all four weekends of San Francisco Free Shakespeare in the Park's performances of Shakespeare's comedy "Love Labour's Lost."

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, in cooperation with its partner organizations – the Oakland-East Bay and Silicon Valley Shakespeare festivals – brings Shakespeare's greatest works to more than 50,000 in the Bay Area each summer with a popular program that fuses performance art and classic literature.

Free Shakespeare in the Park has brought professional, free performances of Shakespeare's greatest works to diverse audiences for more than 20 years. Each year, they reach a new audience of more than 120,000 youth throughout the state with its many arts education programs.

San Francisco Federal Credit Union's sponsorship also enables Free Shakespeare in the Park to continue to secure local artists for the performance, hire counselors for their Bay Area Summer Camps, provide sets and costumes for their statewide Shakespeare on Tour school performances and help bring theater training to inner city youth.

Free Shakespeare in the Park will be performed in Golden Gate Park, west of the Conservatory of Flowers, from Saturday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 21. Performances are on Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day and will start at 1:30 p.m. For information, visit www.SanFranciscoFCU.com.

Asian Film Festival at 4 Star Theater

A total of 43 films from China, Korea, Vietnam, India, Japan, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines will be screened during the seventh annual Asian Film Festival. All films in their original languages will have English subtitles.

The festival will be held at the 4 Star Movie Theater, located at 2200 Clement St., beginning Thursday, Aug. 7 and ending Thursday, Aug. 28. For information, visit www.hkinsf.com.

Register for ACT Exam

The next ACT assessment exam for college-bound high school students will be administered on Saturday, Sept. 27. Students planning to take the test, which measures academic achievement, instead of aptitude, must have their registration postmarked by Friday, Aug. 22. There is a late registration postmark deadline of Friday, Sept. 5, but an extra fee in addition to the general test fee of \$26 will be charged. Students can obtain registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org. Helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test preparatory materials are also available at the website.

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Rock'n'Swap helps keep USF radio station rolling along

by Michael Nowak

Radio station KUSF 90.3 FM has a program guide that reads like a brochure for a bizarre whirlwind trip around the world. On Thursdays evenings, Radio Goethe, "The German Voice in San Francisco," precedes Surfing Astrology. On Saturday mornings, Hamazkayin Armenian Hour backs up against broadcasts from the New York Metropolitan Opera. And on Sundays, Radio Finland, almost certainly the Bay Area's only regular program geared exclusively to the Finnish expatriate community, shares the airwaves with Rampage Radio, which bills itself as "the world's heaviest radio show."

But that's just par for the course for KUSF, which prides itself on the diversity it brings to the local airwaves. It should come as no surprise, then, that the station's primary fundraiser, known as the Rock'n'Swap, is itself a hodgepodge of merchandise and memorabilia targeted at a vast range of interests.

The swap takes place five times a year on the University of San Francisco campus and draws buyers, sellers and traders from all over the world to haggle over rare Beatles recordings and paw through bins of Japanese imports — all the while helping to keep the non-profit station running.

The Rock'n'Swap has been a regular fixture at USF's McLaren Hall for more than 10 years now, though its roots stretch back even farther.

"One of its first incarnations was in 1984 at the Kabuki (movie theater), back when the Kabuki was a nightclub," said Robert Barone, the station's advertising and marketing coordinator and the driving force behind the Rock'n'Swap.



Photos: Philip Liborio Gangi

Chester Coleman (above) checks out an old Ray Charles record at the June 15 Rock'n'Swap at USF's McLaren Hall. In the picture to the right, Valentine Hart performs a little dance and says he loves the "old music." The next Rock'n'Swap is Aug. 31.



In the early days, the event was part swap meet and part auction, with such items as the space suits worn by the '80s band Devo going to the highest bidder. But after it moved to its current location in the early '90s, the auctions were discontinued and the content shifted, becoming exclusively geared to independent dealers. Today, these dealers are the Rock'n'Swap's sole vendors, with each booth representing a different private collection.

"Record stores aren't usually involved, nor are labels. It's usually just individuals, private people. This is what they do for a living," Barone said.

As a result, the Rock'n'Swap has become one of the biggest

events for independent vendors on the music swap meet circuit. Dealers come from all over the United States, with a few regulars hailing from as far away as Germany and Japan.

"A lot of the dealers tell me this is the best swap in the U.S.," Barone said.

Surprisingly, the buyers seem every bit as devoted as the sellers. The affair averages around 500 attendees, with most customers paying a \$2 charge to attend during the official hours of

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PAR members get scoop on new plan

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ning department's questionable compliance with the city's current residential design guidelines.

Maria Sousa, a member of PAR, said the current problem in the Richmond District is with "monster homes." Often, two-story homes are being replaced with four-story homes that change the topography of the neighborhood and affect the neighborhood's sunlight and air. These projects are being approved even though they are out of scale with the neighborhood and do not conform to the city's current guidelines, she said.

Also at the meeting, some PAR members questioned the adequacy of designating the rules as guidelines, instead of standards, and for applying the guidelines only to single-family

and two-family homes in residential zones and not to the city's commercial zones as well.

As standards, compliance with the law would be mandatory and requirements would be checked before a permit was issued.

San Francisco Supervisor Jake McGoldrick, who represents the district, said property developers do not have to make changes under the guidelines. He said when developers refuse to make changes it is costly and time consuming to challenge the matter in a Discretionary Review process before the Planning Commission.

McGoldrick also said he was introducing legislation to cut down on the number of "de facto demolitions" going on in the district. He said developers often demolish properties, leaving as little as a portion of a wall, under

the guise of remodeling a property.

His plan would require "readable" floor plans and notification to properties within 300 feet of the project. It would also limit replacement of the front facade to 50 percent and limit exterior wall replacement to 75 percent.

Also addressing PAR's membership was Lolita Sweet, public outreach associate for the SF Department of the Environment. She said there were nine major programs the department was working on. She also said the department had just gotten approval to use biodegradable bags for the storage of compostable materials for those who do not like to use the green recycling bins. The bags, which come in a variety of sizes, are available from Russell Wagner at 552-1000.

Police Blotter: update on crime

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responsible for the shooting.

Robbery with Force: July 9, 8:30 p.m., Unit Block of Seventh Avenue

A 13-year-old youth and his 14-year-old friend were playing basketball in the street when three suspects approached. One of the suspects's asked to see the ball.

Thinking the three suspects, who were approximately 14 to 16 years of age, wanted to play ball, one of the victims gave it to him.

The suspect then demanded money for the return of the ball.

When the victims said they did not have any money, one of the suspects told the other two suspects to search the youth, which they did. Because of fear for their safety, the suspects complied with the search.

After failing to turn up any money, the three suspects left - with the basketball.

Battery: July 11, 10:55 a.m., 400 Block of Fourth Avenue

A woman who was trying to exit a parking spot in a parking lot became frustrated because she felt a vehicle waiting for her parking space did not allow her enough room to get out.

"You stupid idiot," the 55-

year-old woman yelled at the occupants of the waiting car.

Taking offense, a 20-year-old man got out of his car and approached the woman. After a verbal exchange, the man slapped the woman, whose glasses flew off.

The woman called police. Officers found the suspect with his mother shopping in a nearby produce store.

The suspect admitted hitting the woman for calling himself and his mother an "idiot." He said the woman was "acting crazy."

The victim requested a citizen's arrest and the suspect was cited at the scene and released.

Rock'n'Swap keeps station rolling

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. However, Barone said, "There's an early-bird admission at 5:30 a.m. It's \$10 to get in and it's jumping. There's usually a hundred or more people there."

The Rock'n'Swap is not just for diehard collectors and vinyl junkies. The event is open to the public and despite a lack of paid advertising, turnout from the local community has been consistently high over the years. This makes for an interesting mix - it is not uncommon to see a horde of casual fans flipping rapidly through the bargain bins at one booth while a serious collector haggles over the cost of a classic Rolling Stones album (in mono!) five feet away.

For many people, going to a swap meet without knowing what to expect doesn't stand out as the most convenient way to shop for music. But at the same

time, it seems fitting that a station with such broad appeal on the air would draw its support from an equally diverse base off the air.

After all, if there's anything KUSF's supporters have in common, it's that they don't have much in common at all - just a love for music and an interest in

exploring things that are a bit different from the daily routine.

The next KUSF Rock'n'Swap will be held in McLaren Hall at the University of San Francisco on Aug. 31. Doors open at 10 a.m. or 5:30 a.m. for those seeking the early-bird special. For more information, visit www.kusf.org/rocknswap.shtml.

Champion for disabled retirees

Dr. Stanley Yarnell, one of the most respected doctors in the field of rehabilitation medicine, recently retired from his position at St. Mary's Medical Center's Medical Director of Rehabilitation Medicine Services. A special farewell reception was held in his honor on Monday, June 30 at the center.

Yarnell, who lost his own sight due to a degenerative optic disease, helped formulate and manage the Northern California Model Spinal Cord Injury Care

system and has been actively involved with early care and management of spinal cord injury patients in his private practice at St. Mary's for the past 22 years. He served on the boards of the SF Independent Living Resource Center as well as the World Institute on Disability. He has received numerous achievements and awards throughout his career, winning the praise of not only his colleagues internationally, but presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton as well.

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San Francisco real estate cycle

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Timing the stock market can be a dangerous proposition and the same can be said about timing in the real estate market. Just when you believe you have it figured out, everything changes and the timing goes out of whack. Nevertheless, buyers and sellers always ask whether this is a good time to buy or sell.

In San Francisco, we have an annual real estate cycle of our own. Most people believe that activity is strongest during the summer; the reason being that families are trying to get situated in their new homes before school starts to avoid having the children switching schools in the middle of the school year. This might be the trend for the rest of the nation, but not in San Francisco.

Typically, the real estate market is slow the beginning of the year as people recover from the festivities of the holidays. The market does not pick up until the springtime and it is usually very active from March until June. It does tend to be a little slow around April 15, however, as people are scrambling to finish filing their income taxes.

But in general, spring is a good time to be a seller as the market is very active.

Our market tends to slow down as we head into the summer months. Because we have a high singles population, we do not follow the trends of the rest of the nation in purchasing for

the school year. Also, many people, including buyers, sellers and agents, are out of town part of the summer months on vacation, causing sales activity to slow. If you are a buyer, these might be good months to be shopping as there is less competition.

The market picks up once again typically after Labor Day with the fall season. Most people are back in town and their attention turns to real estate again. This lasts until mid-November and then the market slows down again for the holidays.

This is the typical annual real estate cycle in San Francisco. However, keep in mind that this cycle is not set in stone and other factors will affect it. For example, the fall selling season never took place after the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy. In fact, the fourth quarter of 2001 was extremely quiet as everyone turned their attention to the New York World Trade Center bombing, causing our market to come to a standstill the last four months of 2001.

But, starting Jan. 1, 2002, the phones rang again (even on New Year's Day) and our real estate market came roaring back because of pent-up demand and declining interest rates. So there are exceptions to our annual cycle.

In order to take advantage of the marketplace, buyers and sellers can position themselves in the cycles by selling when there is more activity and buying when there is less activity, or

competition, in the marketplace.

In San Francisco, though, no matter where we are in the cycle we always seem to be lacking good inventory. So, if a property is nice and priced right, there are always buyers and sellers should not be afraid of marketing their property.

Buyers, if you see a good property you want to own, do not hesitate to make an offer on it because there are others who want to own the same properties.

Currently, in the Richmond and Sunset districts, we are still experiencing a very strong market with multiple offers and bids over asking price on most listings. When this will end is anyone's guess. But for the time being, enjoy the low interest rates and our strong real estate market.

John M. Lee is a top-selling broker at Pacific Union specializing in the Richmond and Sunset districts. If you have any questions, call him at (415) 447-6231 or e-mail him at john-lee@isellsf.com.

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This 1910 picture shows the boat house at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park.

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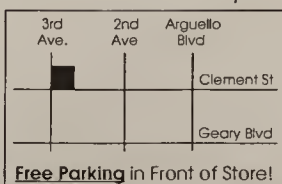
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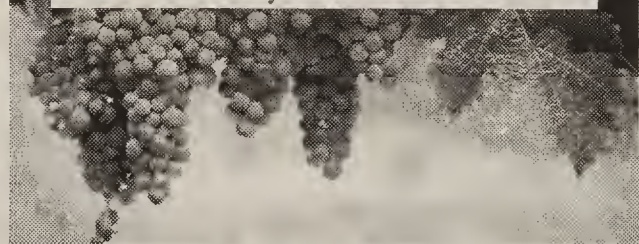
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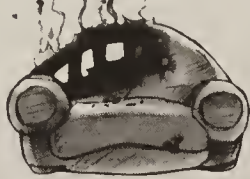
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Golden Gateway to Gems: View exhibits about mineral collecting, lapidary arts and jewelry making at the San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society's 49th annual showcase at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Saturday, Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free. For more information, including ticket information and prices, call 564-4230.

Jerry Garcia Birthday Celebration: Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy birthday cake, music and special guest appearances to celebrate a famous city native, McLaren Park amphitheater, John F. Shelley Drive off Mansell Street, Sunday, Aug. 3, noon to 4 p.m., free. For more information, visit www.jerryshirt.com.

Golden Gate Geranium Society Meeting: View members' arrangements of blooms at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Monday, Aug. 4, 12:30 p.m., free. For more information, call 566-7419.

Take Back the Night: Join neighbors, police officers, firefighters and paramedics to learn how to strengthen neighborhood safety, barbequed food provided at the Seventh Avenue mini-park, between Geary Boulevard and Anza Street, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., guests are welcome to contribute a potluck food item, free. For more information, call 668-5955, ext. 375.

Summer Art Showcase: View photography, paintings, prints, sculpture and mixed media pieces by members of San Francisco Women Artists, Somarts Gallery, 934 Brannan St., Thursday, Aug. 7 through Wednesday, Aug. 27, opening reception on Thursday, Aug. 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., free. For more information, call 263-0705.

Lecture and Slide Show: Learn about the history of Golden Gate Park at the Richmond Branch Library, 350 10th Ave., Thursday, Aug. 7, 7 p.m., free. For more information, call 666-7165.

Plant Sale: Shade plants suitable for Bay Area gardens will be sold at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical

Gardens, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free. For more information, call 661-1316.

Photographic Exhibit: Images by neighborhood photographer Lisa Stender will be on display at the California Grind Cafe, 5501 California St., starting Saturday, Aug. 9. For more information, e-mail lbraaten1@yahoo.com.

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Slide Lecture: Art history professor Henry Parrott Bacot, Jr. will give a lecture about the history of lighting in America from 1675 to 1840, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Gould Theatre, Lincoln Park, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m., free. For more information, call 750-3502.

Family Saturdays: The Seymour Pioneer Museum presents two free educational programs about California heritage featuring the Chinese Folk Dance Association and California historical storyteller Orunamamu, at 300 Fourth St., Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sept. 20, 2 p.m., free admission to the museum on these event days. For more information, call 957-1849.

Elder Arts: View the visual artwork of older adults including painting, photography and sculpture at the San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin St., Saturday, Aug. 16 through Sunday, Oct. 19, free. For more information, including library hours and reception dates, call 441-2650.

Family Workshop: Families with children ages six and older are welcome to explore the ecology of Mountain Lake, learn how native plants were used to make boats and shelters and build miniature tule boats to test on the water, meet at Crissy Field Center, Sunday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$12 per person. For more information or to register (mandatory), call 561-7752.

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Cosmic Walk: Tapestries by the Kopanang Women's Group that depict the creation of the universe from the big bang to the present will be on display at USF's Thatcher Gallery, Gleeson Library/Geschke Center, 2130 Fulton St., Monday, Aug. 18 through Sunday, Sept. 28, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., free. For more information, call 422-5178.

Antique Faire: More than 60 vendors will sell antique and vintage furniture, jewelry, collectibles and more with part of the proceeds benefiting the local chapter of the Sierra Club and organic beer and wine tasting

benefiting California Certified Organic Farmers, SF County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Saturday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., free. For more information, call 465-2475.

OWL Meeting: The local Older Women's League chapter will meet to listen to a lecture on visualization and techniques for coping with stress and pain, Saturday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., free. For more information, including the location of the lecture, call 989-4422.

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Sixty Plus: San Francisco State University welcomes people age 60 or older to join a group to form friendships and enjoy activities, such as auditing university classes and watching performing arts events like the ballet, opera and symphony, meetings are twice monthly on the SFSU campus, 1600 Holloway Ave., classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 27, \$75 annual fee. For more information or to join, call 566-9347.

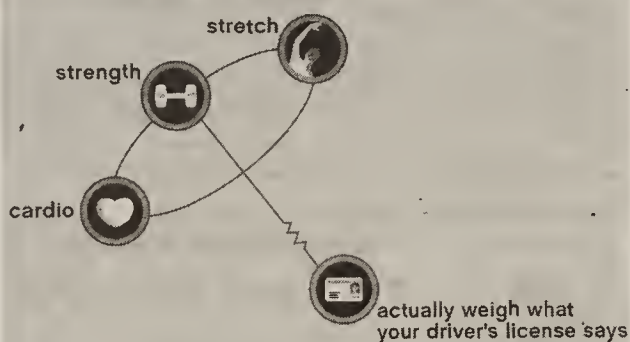
Storytelling: Children ages five and older are invited to hear stories by Kipling, Presidio Branch Library, 3150 Sacramento St., Thursday, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m., free. For more information, call 557-4277.

Mayoral Candidate Forum: Mayoral candidates will discuss their views on children's issues and how to make San Francisco a more family-oriented city with future policies on health-care, childcare, parks, schools and safety, State Building basement auditorium, 455 Golden Gate Ave., Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., free. For more information, call 239-0161.

Photograph Exhibit: View 19th century photographs of India ranging from scenes of daily life in villages and the natural landscape to images of foreign royalty and architectural monuments, California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, Sunday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, March 7, visible during regular museum hours with regular paid museum admission. For more information, call 750-3613.

GardenFeast 2003: Attend a benefit luncheon in the botanical gardens and hear plant collector Dan Hinkley talk about rare and unusual plants from around the globe, also featuring a silent auction, book signing and mid-day meal, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m., tickets starting at \$150 on sale beginning Aug. 15. For more information, call 564-3239, ext. 300.

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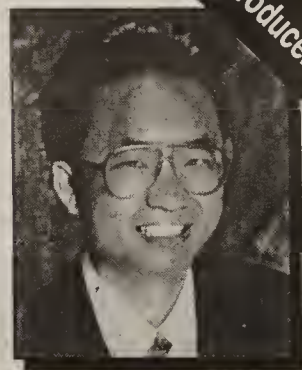
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 - West End Garden: Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. (1 hour). Meet at the Roald Amundsen Memorial north of the Beach Chalet in the parking lot;
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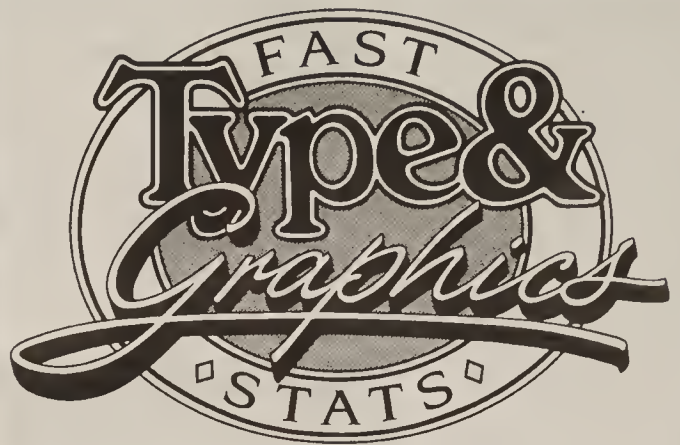


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